

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 21-47 (to be renumbered as claims 1-36 for issue of the U.S. Patent) are in the present application. This Amendment revises the erroneous claim numbering presented in an Amendment filed April 11, 2002, as well as to revise the claims to correct minor grammatical errors.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the Amendment by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that the proposed amendments raise no new issues, require no new search by the Examiner, and require no more than a cursory review by the Examiner. Further, this Amendment does not involve materially adding work on the part of the Office (e.g., checking excessive changes in the specification or claims). Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is earnestly solicited by Applicant.

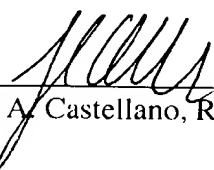
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Matthew J. Lattig at telephone number 703-668-8026.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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